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the Readers' response

To the Editor:

I have always appreciated the Evangel and looked forward to each issue. As I read it, I am conscious of a growth in understanding and spirituality, but don't you think you overdid it with three pages of commercials in the April 2 issue?

(Rev.) C. W. Batson
Hixson, Tennessee

• Perhaps. Other issues have only one page of advertisements. We try to average about two pages, one inside and one on the back cover, in each issue.—Editor.

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To the Editor:

. . . I feel that it would be better if the Evangels were filled with good reading and testimonies and prayer requests instead of so much advertising. You could have a catalog for advertising if the Publishing House has to put out advertisments.

Mrs. Leavy Johnson
Land O'Lakes, Florida

• As much as we all object to advertising, it is very necessary to pay the cost of printing. The EVANGEL is not self-supporting and the advertising helps to finance it. If it were not for this, we would not be able to enjoy any of the good reading you mention.—Editor.

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To the Editor:

. . . On the cover of "Know-Your-Church Issue" is a fascinating array of the name "Church of God" as it appears in various languages. Do the long lines in Malayalam and Japanese say simply Church of God or do they say something more? . . .

Riley Madison
Chicago, Illinois

• The line in Malayalam reads "Full Gospel Church of God." The line in Japanese reads "The Church of God in Japan."—Editor.

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To the Editor:

. . . Is not the name of our church in South Africa the "Full Gospel Church of God? How is the full name written in Africaans? . . .

N. B.
Greenville, South Carolina

• Volle Evangelie Kerk van God.—Editor.

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To the Editor:

I sincerely want to commend you on the way the Evangel is being published this year. I've always enjoyed it but never as much as I do now. It has taken "new life." I look forward to it each week because I know there is to be something different. I only wish the folks that do not receive the paper could realize what they are missing . . .

Mrs. Wilma Baker
Lancaster, South Carolina

• We wish so, too.—Editor.

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To the Editor:

In the "Anniversary Issue" of the Evangel (March 5) you asked the question, "How long have you been a subscriber?" Well, I'm glad to say I received a copy of the very first issue and have been a subscriber ever since, except for a short period when we were not financially able to renew our subscription. As soon as we could we renewed it. It has meant much to me all these years. I do not remember ever having criticized an editor; they have all done good jobs. I enjoyed the few months I had the privilege of being associated with the Evangel Office. As you will see, my picture appeared in the Anniversary issue with the staff of employees in 1924 or 1925. I have had some very interesting experiences in getting subscriptions for the Evangel and in noticing results in the lives of those whose only contact with the Church was the Evangel. I am so glad it is being received by so many different nationalities now. What a wonderful way to take the gospel to every nation!

Mrs. E. L. Moore
Plymouth, Florida

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To the Editor:

The Evangel is like a new paper since you have started the Seventieth Anniversary series. It has been a tremendous job for you and your staff and I want to send my congratulations. Have you planned any articles about the work that the Church of God is doing among minority groups in the United States—that is, among the French-speaking churches in Louisiana, the German-speaking churches in the Northwest, the Spanish-speaking churches in many sections of the nation, and our work among Negroes? I feel that there are too many Church of God folk who think only of their local churches and foreign missions and do not realize what is being done in home missions or are unaware of the possibilities of reaching others who are our geographical neighbors. I would also like to see more news and pictures from our church schools. . .

J. Martin Baldree, Jr.
Fort Worth, Texas

• An issue featuring our Negro work is scheduled for November 26; Lee College will be featured on May 21; and our regional Bible schools on November 12.—Editor.

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COVER PICTURE

Introducing the "South Central States Issue" is the new church structure on Meridian Street, in Nashville, Tennessee. This building is an exquisite bit of architecture. A report of this building will follow in a later issue of the EVANGEL. Pastor M. E. Roberson and his faithful church members are to be commended for their outstanding achievement. The church was dedicated on March 18. Among the speakers on the occasion were several former pastors; W. E. Johnson, Overseer of Tennessee; the Honorable Frank G. Clement, Governor of Tennessee; and the Editor of the EVANGEL.

The Editor's Message

Don't Hide Your Name

OCCASIONALLY LETTERS COME to the *Evangel* that are of a critical nature. We do not expect every letter we receive to be complimentary, for we realize that out of 42,000 homes into which the *Evangel* goes, and from its estimated 125,000 readers, there will be occasional complaints. While the complaints we receive are negligible in comparison to the constant letters of commendation, it is noticeable that it is always among the unfavorable correspondence that we find unsigned letters. Some people would not dare sign their names to their own criticisms. They are afraid to have their identity associated with uncomplimentary messages. This is a fault.

Do not be ashamed of your name. If you have a genuine grievance, voice it as a protest by the authority of your own identity. If something is wrong, do not be afraid to associate yourself with opposition to it. If you feel that something is wrong but that there is a possibility of its having a justifiable explanation, identify your protest so you can receive an explanation. When your name is not known, you cannot effectively correct error and you can not be helped. It is easy to identify yourself with a popular cause, but it requires strength and courage to be known as an objector to the vogue and conventional trends in life. Your namlessness is a sign of weakness.

This holds true in all of life. Those who hide and fear to be known can never succeed. Do not become a nonentity but dare to take your stand—not as a hiding, trembling weakling; but let the world know who you are, what you are, and for what you stand. Do not try to become an anonymity, a voice without a name, but become a person, and let your praises and your protests carry the weight and impact of your entire person. It is then that they become important and you become an influence with others.

Appreciation

BROTHER R. R. WALKER, Superintendent of the Home for Children, has asked me to convey to the readers of the *Evangel* his sincere appreciation for your prayers in his behalf during his recent illness. Brother Walker suffered a severe heart attack on February 15 and was gravely ill for several weeks. The Lord, however, touched his body in a marvelous way, and he is well on the road to recovery. I have been informed that he is now able to go outdoors some and is gaining strength day by day. He appreciates your cards, flowers, prayers and concern.

The South Central States

THIS ISSUE OF THE *EVANGEL* features the work of the Church of God in the South Central states. It is the first of a series in which we will feature the work of various sections in the United States.

The states featured this week are Tennessee, North Carolina, Kentucky, Virginia, and West Virginia. It was seventy years ago this year that the first Church of God congregation was established in Tennessee. It was sixty years ago this year that the great Holy Ghost outpouring occurred in North Carolina. These two states were, in reality, the cradle of the Church of God. These states have come a long way since that time. The reports of the state overseers in this issue will reveal the marvelous way in which the Lord is blessing our efforts to reach mankind with the gospel of Christ.

In the other states featured, the same thing is true. Church buildings are required for the message of Christ to go forth, and the Lord is giving us these buildings. More members are needed to help in spreading the good news of salvation, and the Lord is giving us new members daily.

Anticipation!

THE NEXT FOUR editions of the *Evangel* should be of tremendous interest to our readers. Much preparation has gone into securing manuscripts which hold a wealth of inspiration and information. The editions are:

April 30	"Southeastern States Issue," dedicated to our churches in Georgia, Alabama, Florida and South Carolina.
May 7	In this issue during National Family Week and preceding Mother's Day, the *Evangel* will feature a Church of God "Mother of the Year."
May 14	"Pentecost Issue"
May 21	"Lee College Issue"

Missionary Ridge, Chattanooga, Tennessee

Fourth Avenue, Chattanooga, Tennessee

Kannapolis, North Carolina

From the Volunteer State

By W. E. JOHNSON
State Overseer

THE CHURCH OF GOD in the state of Tennessee has made great progress in the last three and one-half years. Of course, this is all to be credited to the faithfulness and hard work of the ministers in the state.

Twenty-seven new churches have been organized during this period and a number of our smaller churches strengthened. We have either purchased or built 27 new parsonages and 62 new church buildings, many of which are nice brick plants complete with Sunday School facilities. In addition to these, we have built 18 Sunday School plants. I think this is one of the finest building programs that I have seen promoted in a long time.

In addition to all of this, we have made a net increase in membership of 2,155. At present, we have 210 churches with a total membership of 14,251, 199 Y.P.E.'s, and 222 Sunday Schools.

I would also like to report on our new campground which was purchased only three years ago. We were able to acquire 37 and one-half acres facing Highway 11 between Cleveland and Chattanooga, the purchase price being $35,000. The tabernacle, which is constructed of brick, block, and steel, and is completely fireproof, is one of the largest in the movement. The camp site includes a nice dining room, refreshment stand, rest rooms, swimming pool and so forth. This is all valued at $150,000, and we have an indebtedness of only $45,000.

At the time we came to the state, to my knowledge, there had never been a youth camp or summer school conducted in Tennessee. We now have one of the most thriving youth camps which had an attendance of 500 last year. We are now under way with two units of dormitory space for the youth camp.

One would think that all this building program and expansion in general would curtail our missions endeavors, but, not true. We abandoned all quotas in our first ministers' meeting on coming to the state. Some felt that we were taking a long swing to the left and that we would fail utterly in our missions endeavor; instead, we increased from $10,629.22 to an average of more than $27,000 each year for our state missions. It has always been my conviction that this is God's program and if we will take off all the strings and give God a chance He will touch the hearts of His people and they will help support the great cause of missions.

We are trying to make the Church of God better known throughout Tennessee by distributing our church publications. The state is sending a roll of LIGHTED PATHWAYS and EVANGELS to all the penal institutions, all the larger and better known hospitals, and sending copies for the reading room of the Y.M.C.A., Y.W.C.A., and all the Veterans' Hospitals throughout the state.

I have never worked in a state in all of my life where the ministers have more consideration, congeniality, and fellowship, than they have in the state of Tennessee. I have never seen one bit of contention among them in a state ministers' meeting or prayer conference. I think this accounts for the great work that is being done in the state of Tennessee.

VIRGINIA

(The Old Dominion State)

By GEORGE D. LEMONS
State Overseer

VIRGINIA, NAMED for Elizabeth, the Virgin Queen of England, is the proud mother of states and statesmen. From her original territory eight states were carved, and her famous sons are many. Here was the first permanent English settlement in America and here was the first representative assembly in the new world. The State Capitol at Richmond is the home of the oldest continuous legislative body in America. Washington's home is at Mount Vernon; Monticello, Thomas Jefferson's home, is at Charlottesville; the Moore House, where Cornwallis surrendered in 1781, is in Yorktown, and Lee surrendered in 1865 at Appomattox. Virginia is rich in history, historical shrines, scenic attractions and natural wonders.

There are 96 local congregations of the great Church of God with a membership of 5,233; 99 Sunday Schools with a total attendance of 27,418 a month; 88 Y.P.E.'s with a total attendance of 18,387 a month and 86 L.W.W.B.'s in Virginia.

At this time, there is a building program on in the state. The following churches have built a new church building or remodeled the old one: Pulaski, West Danville, South Boston, Portsmouth, Newport News, Virginia Beach, Charlottesville, Staunton, Centerview, Plasterco, Shorts Creek, Bristol, Glenrock, Rocky Mount, Fairlee, Richland, Cliffview, Hillsville, Monarat, Wards Gap, Chase City, Pickett's Chapel, Mountain View and Parrott.

The following churches have built or purchased new parsonages: Pulaski, Bluefield, Alexandria, Plasterco, Staunton, Dante, Charlottesville, Pembroke, Glamorgan, Franklin, Big Rock, North Danville, Portsmouth, Nortonsville, Hillsville and South Richmond.

Virginia has, just recently, purchased a 45-acre camp site located on highway 117 about 2 miles from the city limits of Roanoke. It is about a 10-minute drive from highway 11 north of Roanoke to Motorists' Paradise where a Howard Johnson's restaurant, Hitching Post Motel, Traveltown and a number of other nice motels and restaurants are located. This is as good a location for a camp site as could be found anywhere. Plans are to start development in the near future.

Some of the churches in the coal section have been hard hit financially. However, the Lord is blessing in a marvelous way and churches are being organized in different sections of the state that do not have to depend on the coal industry.

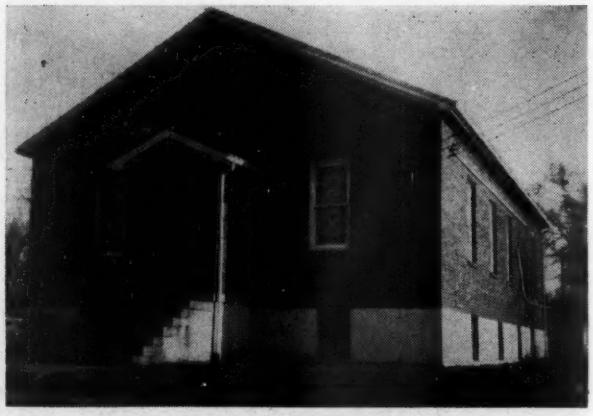
The future looks bright for the Church of God in Virginia; and, by the help of the Lord, we expect this to be a banner year because our people here are as good as the best who could be found anywhere. Too, Virginia has some of the hardest working, loyal Church of God preachers that you could find throughout the Church; therefore, we look forward to greater things for the Church of God in this state.

West Danville, Virginia

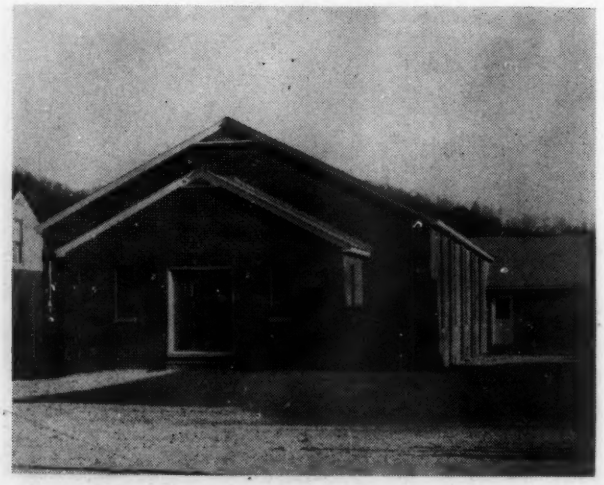
Chilhowie, Virginia

South Boston, Virginia

Richmond, Kentucky



Highland Park, Louisville, Kentucky



Ravenna, Kentucky

How the Lord Is Blessing in the "Bluegrass State"

By A. M. PHILLIPS

State Overseer

IN THE YEAR 1910, the Church of God began its active work in the state of Kentucky. The Church continued to increase under the leadership of various overseers, with headquarters in Somerset, Kentucky, for many years. In 1945, the State Headquarters was moved to Lexington, Kentucky. In 1947, a camp site was purchased five miles from the heart of Lexington on U. S. Highway 25, south. It now has a nice tabernacle, cafeteria, concession stand, state offices and cottages. The state owns a nice state parsonage at 141 Burnett Avenue, in Lexington, as well as the campground; and all our state debt, except one small payment, is paid.

God has blessed the work of the Church of God in Kentucky and we now have 5,487 members, 117 churches, 109 pastors, 165 ministers, 128 Sunday Schools, 119 Y.P.E.'s and 85 Ladies' Willing Workers' Bands. The ministers and members have been very active in supporting the missions and orphanage cause, along with the general church program.

Since the last General Assembly our membership has increased 245; we have organized 14 new churches, 29 new Sunday Schools (last year Kentucky tied for first place in the nation in organizing new Sunday Schools, according to information from the National Youth Office); organized 11 Y.P.E.'s; and the Ladies' Willing Workers' Bands have raised $45,732.66.

Our churches have built 22 new church buildings and have acquired four through organizing new churches; they have erected five parsonages and bought five, making a total of 10 new parsonages since the Assembly.

For the month of October, 1955, the tithe of tithes to the State Office reached an all-time high of $1,959.45, and the total since the Assembly is $27,808.63.

Kentucky has increased missions interest by conducting rallies in local churches and supporting building projects in the foreign missions fields, paying for several donkeys and bicycles for native ministers, paying the way for several nationals to attend school, and supporting individuals on the missions field.

Kentucky has enjoyed outstanding fellowship and harmony among the ministers and laity, and plans for extensive Sunday School and Youth work along with the annual youth camp are outlined for the spring and summer. Also, we have an evangelistic program in each local church with the emphasis on personal, Sunday School and general church soul-winning. By the help of the Lord, we expect this state, by the time of the General Assembly of 1956, to have enjoyed the greatest progress yet in every department.

War, West Virginia

Progress in the Mountains of West Virginia

By G. C. HAMBY
State Overseer

I AM HAPPY TO BE privileged to work with such a fine group of ministers and members as we have in the state of West Virginia. Harmony and fellowship exist among our ministers, and that is the reason we are making progress for the Church of God.

We are now in the midst of some great revivals. There are good reports that many are being saved. For example, while writing this, I received a report of twelve joining the Church in one revival and, in another part of the state, 34 were saved, 20 baptized in water, and 15 added to the local church and the revival is still in progress. Many more reports of fine revivals have come in.

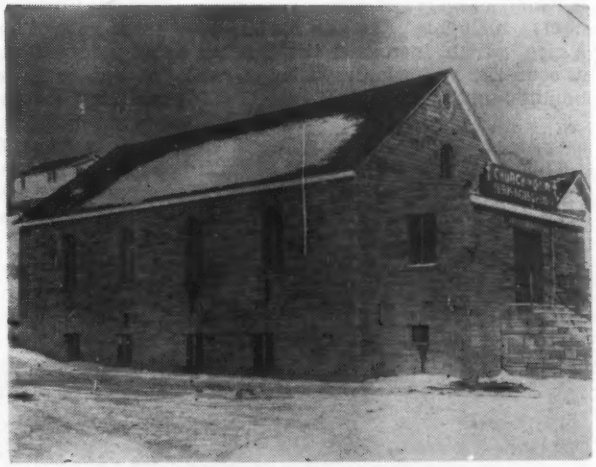
Since the Assembly, our membership has shown a nice increase. The tithes sent to the State Office have increased, and this means that our pastors are living better. Our missions goal for this year is $25,000 and we feel that, through the fine cooperation of our splendid staff of district pastors along with the loyal group of pastors and Brother Nance, our State Missions Representative, the job will be easy. We have purchased the film "Rajammah" for Brother Nance to use throughout the state, and we think this great film will be very helpful to us in reaching our goal.

Several new churches have been organized since the Assembly. Some nice church buildings have been erected. These, as well as several new parsonages either being built or purchased, have increased our property value in the state.

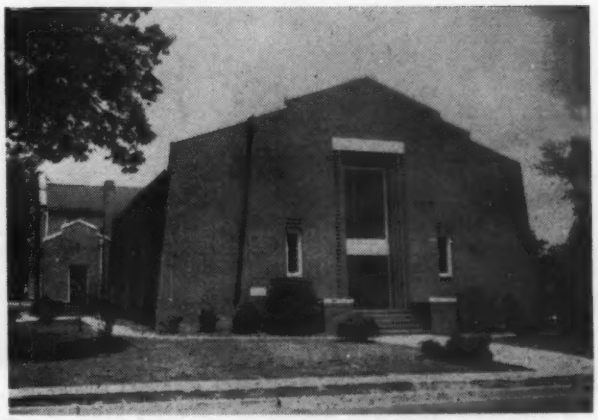
The youth of our state are working hard under the leadership of a fine young man, Hollis L. Green, who is now sponsoring a state-wide contest to break all previous records in both Sunday School and Y.P.E. attendance.

With the fine cooperation of 166 churches and their pastors, 8,500 members, 24 fine district pastors, a large number of evangelists, a wonderful board of State Councilors, a good Youth Director, a Secretary and Treasurer who is to be appreciated, and our State Missions Representative who is on the job, the Church of God is making progress in West Virginia.

Huntington, West Virginia



Sophia, West Virginia



Parkwood Avenue, Charlotte, North Carolina

22,000 MILES
OF TRAVEL MIRACLES

By J. H. INGRAM, Retired International Missionary-Evangelist

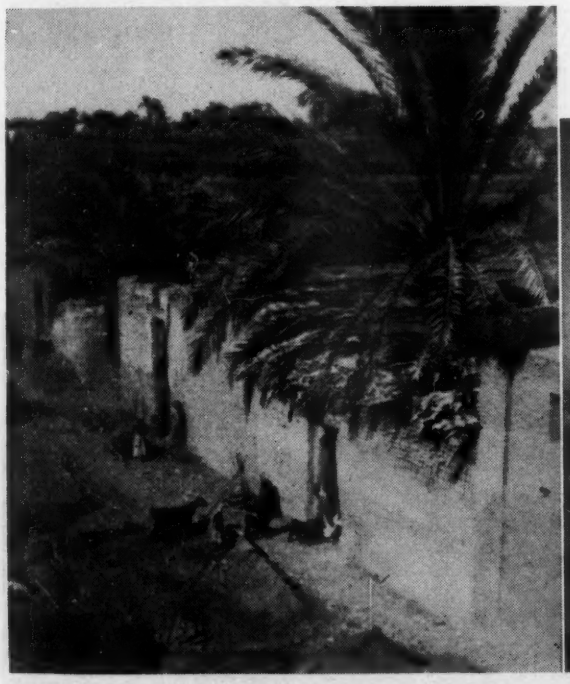
THE WORD MIRACLE which is used to describe a supernatural occurrence or act, also defines any other event or incident that comes under the classification of marvels or wonders. I believe that I can truthfully say that it was truly wonderful how the Lord opened the way and provided the means for me to make my last missionary tour that lasted five months. During that time I saw a little of thirty-four countries belonging to four of the main continents, including Europe, Asia, and Africa, which increased the number of countries and colonies visted to one hundred and ten.

A Faith Venture

This venture into the world of faith by a 61-year-old man was not a light undertaking, by any means; "But my God shall supply all your needs according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus," Philippians 4:19. And, as the Apostle Paul said, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me," Philippians 4:13. Reasonably large donations were received from the local church in East Los Angeles, California, where I had been pastoring for the last four years, also, from the State Board of California, when I resigned as a member, and from the General Board of Foreign Missions—all in the form of love offerings, as no one had promised any help. However, proportionate amounts were received from individual members and friends of the Church in California, usually in small denominations. For example, I had to take about fifty dollars worth of immunization shots, administered by three different doctors (typhus, yellow fever, typhoid, cholera and so forth required for overseas travel) and none of them charged anything for his services. The last doctor that treated me handed me a ten dollar bill to apply on the expenses of my trip. The two local papers gave me a nice write-up, and, at the last, a fairly steady stream of visitors started coming to the house with their offerings and good wishes. Too, it was marvelous how God moved on the hearts of various consular officials and caused them to react favorably to my requests for passport visas, entry and exit permits for the different countries. I reasoned in this way and said, "If I do no more than stir up the faith of our younger ministers by this faith venture I feel that the trip will not have been in vain."

Our Itinerary

After traveling by bus from Los Angeles to Montreal, Canada, we boarded the 26,000-ton Canadian Pacific flagship, *Empress of Scotland,*



Scene taken from the roof of a Church of God mission station in Dair-el-jarnous. (Note woman churning butter in a goat-skin bottle.)

A large family of Church of God believers in Egypt, including the grandfather, children, and grandchildren.

Brother Ingram as he was boarding the bus for Montreal, Quebec.

for the British Isles, stopping briefly in Greenock, Scotland, on the Firth of Clyde. On arriving at Liverpool, England, we boarded another steamer for North Ireland, landing in Belfast. While in Ireland, I was the guest of the Irish Churches of God that teach prophecy and healing with Pentecostal emphasis, as outlined in the Holy Scriptures, stressing the fact *Christ is All.* They were in a revival at the Belfast assembly with a missionary from India, and I recall to mind the night that a 94-year-old woman came to the altar, backslidden and sick in body. She was marvelously healed and reclaimed after which she grabbed the missionary brother by both hands and the two of them danced about for quite a time under the anointing of the Holy Ghost. Meanwhile, a Pentecostal storm of blessing swept over the congregation with resultant praises. This was my first visit to Ireland, and it was interesting to note how the Irish people reacted when moved upon by God's Spirit in such a mighty way. Traveling south through the Irish Republic (The Free State), we sailed for Wales and took a train on to London. About two weeks were spent there, visiting various assemblies and renewing acquaintance with old friends I had met there during my last visit to England before the late war. I am glad to report that all of them escaped with their lives, though some were bombed out of their homes.

We crossed the English Channel by boat and traveled by train through Europe visiting Holland, Belgium, the Grand Duchy of Luxemburg, France, Germany, and Austria. It was, indeed, a very great blessing to meet our Brother Lauster and his lovely family together with many others of our fine German people that I had met during my last visit to Germany. You will be glad to learn that all of our Church of God people escaped the ravages of war alive, with but one exception, though they suffered untold hardships. The Church in Germany is rising up like a mighty spiritual giant, head and shoulders above its vanquished foes. When I visited the country seventeen years ago, Brother Lauster and I baptized the first seventeen European converts that formed the nucleus of the present-day Church of God. Now we have members by the hundreds that belong to twenty-two congregations housed in churches that are a credit to the builders. Our greatest need over there now is trained ministers and workers to answer the many calls that are coming in. We have just finished building our finest church and Bible school, right in the midst of war ruins, where twenty-nine thousand people died during a bombing raid that lasted less than thirty minutes, according to reports. Pray that God will supply every need that arises in connection with this worthy work.

After leaving Germany and Austria, crossing the Austrian and Julian Alps, the Tauern Express, on which we were traveling, disappeared behind the "Little Iron Curtain" of the communist Federative People's Republic of Jugoslavia where people are all eyes and ears, so to speak, and one has to be careful of his speech. We visited Slovenia, Crotia, Serbia and Macedonia enroute to Greece. It was a real blessing to have the privilege of going back over the route once traveled by the Apostle Paul during his preaching trips to Athens, Thessalonica, and Corinth. Climbing up the stone steps to the top of Mars Hill, I noticed that the Greeks had made a large rectangular-shaped metal plaque inscribed with Paul's sermon, as recorded in Acts 17:22-31. The plaque was conveniently located, being cemented or bolted in place on the face of the rock; so that people going up and down the steps daily might read and take notice, though the Apostle himself has been dead nearly two thousand years.

We continued by train to Istanbul, (Constantinople) Turkey, where I spent three days as the guest of the American School of Languages and Commerce, run by the Y.M.C.A. From there, we crossed the Bosporus, by ferry, to Hyderapasha in Asiatic Turkey, where another train was waiting to take us through Asia Minor to Aleppo, Syria, and Beirut, Lebanon. It took about ten days and nights to complete the trip through Europe and Asia Minor by train. The language barrier imposed quite a problem, to say nothing of the money exchange. For example, they changed languages and money about twelve times. We rode in third class on straight-backed seats in little compartments that accommodated eight people who sat facing each other. Much of the time, we did not carry a dining car and could not get food or water. The train men never announce the stations, and one never knows where he is along the route traveled, unless he can read the language and sees the name of the town on the depot. It was in winter and was very cold, much of the time, with little or no heat and no drinking water available. It was a great experience, though far from being a picnic.

Wings Over Jordan to Jerusalem

Wearied with the long train journey, I boarded a plane at Beirut, Lebanon, for the trip to Jerusalem, flying over the ancient city of Damascus, past the mountains of Lebanon, and down the Jordan Valley. It was a thrilling experience to look down on the Jordan River from the sky, and to come into old Jerusalem flying. I had entered the country by land routes on my three previous visits. Two months were spent in the Holy Land and Egypt. While

On the way to Scotland aboard the S. S. Empress.

in the Hashemite Kingdom, of Jordan, I stayed most of the time with our missions representative and his family at Bethlehem. Brother George Kuttab, who has charge of the work at the present, is one of the finest Christian young men that I ever have met. I enjoyed going around with him, and hardly a night passed that we were not in service somewhere. He had meeting places opened in seven different places located in and around Jerusalem and Bethlehem.

On to Egypt Land with the Flying Arabs

Like the rest of us, the Arab people have become air-minded and taken up with flying. I had bought a ticket from another airline, but the Arab Airways took it up and returned three Jordan Dinars (a little over eight dollars) and gave me a return ticket to Cairo, Egypt. We flew down in a chartered plane that had *Bethlehem* painted on its nose. Among our group was one Father Merlo, an elderly, bearded Roman Catholic priest from the Jerusalem patriarchy, an order of the priesthood that is next in rank to the Pope of Rome. In Cairo, we were guests of the Jerusalem Express with free lodging at the Victoria Hotel, one of the finest in the city. Moreover, they furnished us a free limousine to ride around in during the three days we were lodged at the Victoria and took us on several sightseeing trips while I was waiting for Brother Boutros Labib, our Egyptian overseer, to come and take me on a missions tour of the country. Father Merlo and I shared a room together in Cairo. He appeared to be a fine old gentleman, and I found out that we had more in common than I had thought, when it came to matters of religion. It was thrilling to fly down to Egypt over the Sinai Desert and across the Red Sea, following the route taken by Moses and the children of Israel; but the greatest thrill was yet to come —that of meeting with hundreds of our Egyptian brethren in services, and seeing how God is pouring out his Spirit in the ancient land of the Pharaohs. We spent quite some time visiting the churches and missions in such cities as Cairo, Alexandria and Samalut. The greatest outpouring of the Spirit was manifested at our Central Mission in Dair El Jarnous where a continuous revival has been in progress for forty-five years. The doors of the church have never been closed since the work started, and Brother Labib is the only pastor they have ever had during these long years of service. I think he has made a record that is unequaled in modern missions history. During my last visit to Dair El Jarnous, I had baptized one hundred fifty-two men and boys in Joseph's Canal, and when I returned, after an absence of eight years, about one hundred of them were on hand to welcome me. During the five nights I preached there on this trip, about two hundred and twenty came to God. There were so many people crowded in and around the place we could not have a regular altar call. I left them crying and wringing their hands as they begged me to come back. You pray that I will be able to go back over there and spend some time with them, if it is the Lord's will. It is trying on one to live with them, in native style, as their ancestors lived three thousand years ago. One has to go native while he is there as the town does not have a single restaurant or hotel. It is a rural work among the fellahin or small-time farmers where our greatest work is being done.

The Return

My original itinerary routed me back across the Pacific to California, thus completing another world-tour; but, on account of the trouble in Formosa and Red China, I doubled back across the Mediterranean and the Atlantic. We returned by Jerusalem and the *Flying Arabs* following the same route taken on the way down. From there, I crossed the line into Israel entering the new Jerusalem, in the Israeli Sector, by way of the Mandelbaum Gate. During my stay in the new city, I was lodged at the Y.M.C.A. and attended services in three different places. We do not have any Church of God work in Israel, but, as the Jews seem to be very interested, I see no reason why the missions there would not prosper if a start were made.

The return trip was made on the 11,000-ton *S. S. Jerusalem*, flagship of the Israeli passenger fleet, which crossed to Greece first and then skirted the shores of Sicily and North Africa, sighting Tunisia and Algeria enroute. A short stop was made in Spanish Morocco after which we sailed past the world-famous Rock of Gibraltar, sighting the coasts of Spain and Portugal at close range. We stopped two days in Nova Scotia, at the port of Halifax, before proceeding to New York, thus bringing to an end approximately twenty-two thousand miles of travel-miracles.

Wilmington, North Carolina

reports

Pennies Make Dollars

BARREN SPRINGS, Va.—Pictured above is a part of our faithful Y.P.E. group of which we are very proud. They are the winners of our penny contest. This was a contest for both juniors and seniors who were divided into red and blue sides. The leaders were our local pastor, Brother J. L. McKay (pictured with the pennies) and Brother James Lawson, our Y.P.E. President. Each side had a half-gallon jug in which to put their pennies at each Y.P.E. service. The reward for the winning side was the privilege to have its picture in the *Evangel*. The *red side*, which is pictured above with their group leader, Brother J. L. McKay, filled their jug first with 2,977 pennies. The *blue side* had 1,592 pennies which made a total of 4,569 pennies. Most of these pennies will be applied on our local church mission quota for this year. We are really proud of the little group of people we have to work with at Barren Springs. We trust that you will sincerely pray for our continued success here.—Pastor.

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Church Reports Good Progress

KNOXVILLE, Iowa—The Church of God at Knoxville is on the move. The Lord is blessing in a wonderful way. Praise His wonderful Name! It all started in February when Brother Robey from Centerville, Iowa, came and held services for two weeks. We all enjoyed these services which stirred the heart of everyone. God is blessing Brother Robey and his church in Centerville. Immediately after these services, Brother and Sister Fred Barker came for a two weeks' revival. Brother Barker is from West Virginia, but for the last four years he has been youth director of the Dakotas. These two devoted young Christians were a blessing to our church and will be a blessing to your church, for they are wonderful workers among the young people. Their singing and playing will bless your hearts and Brother Barker's messages will stir the hearts of those who listen. The Lord blessed in an old-fashioned Pentecostal revival with Christians waiting on God until the early hours of the morning. Two were gloriously saved and one was reclaimed; four were filled with the precious Holy Ghost. Praise His Holy name! We thank the Lord for these souls and also for Brother and Sister Barker. May God bless them in their evangelistic work.

On Monday evening, March 20, we had the district youth rally at Knoxville. Brother Richard Freeman from Long Beach, California, was speaker to a well-filled church. Then on Tuesday, March 21, Brother Richard showed films about Old Mexico, showing some of the Churches of God there and some of the living conditions in Old Mexico. His talk afterwards stirred the hearts of the people and gave us a burning desire to help in any way we can. Brother and Sister Richard Freeman are doing a great work among the Mexicans and certainly need our prayers and contributions. If you feel led to help in this work, you may send contributions to: Rev. Richard Freeman, 1306 Hellman Avenue, Long Beach 13, California. May God bless you as you give to God and His work. Brother and Sister Freeman will surely appreciate any help you can give.

We are looking forward to Easter Sunday. We are planning an all-day service, starting with a sunrise service at the church. The pastor, Brother J. H. Freeman, has invited this congregation to come and eat ham and eggs with him and his wife. God bless them both. After Sunday School and morning worship we will go to the basement for a basket dinner. We will then return to the auditorium for an afternoon service. We are expecting great things from God.—Harriett Gee.

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West Virginia Prayer Conference

The state overseer may do the pencil work in arranging the program for the prayer conference such as was held in Elkins, West Virginia, on March 12 and 13, but surely the Holy Ghost had the full direction of the proceedings. From the first song until the last amen, the Spirit prevailed and old Satan had to take a back seat. In fact, I doubt if he stopped at the back seat; I am convinced that he had to get clear on the outside of the building. Every song seemed inspired, and each of the speakers seemed to be at his best. Especially, we enjoyed the ministry of Brother A. H. Batts who spoke Monday evening and Tuesday morning, and the final message by Brother G. C. Hamby on "The Benefits of Prayer" will long linger in our memories. One of our ministers must have spoken the sentiments of all of us when he said that he was going back home determined to do more for the Lord than ever before. One brother said, "The Shekinah glory of God illuminated the darkness." These prayer conferences are just miniature camp meetings. God is there, and that is sufficient.—John F. Brand, Reporter.

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Note-Burning in Union Grove, Ga.

UNION GROVE, Ga.—The Union Grove Church of God, seven miles south of Tifton, Georgia, began the year of 1956 by paying off the church's indebtedness and having a note-burning cermony on New Year's Day. The pastor, Brother J. R. Whitley, is shown burning the note as officers and other members of the church look on. The $30,000 brick church was built under the pastorship of Brother Hubert Norris. The following pastors worked faithfully in helping to pay off the church debt: H. M. Duck, M. B. Norris, and E. E. Golden. Brother Whitley came to the church in September of 1955, and four months later began a drive to raise enough money to finish paying off the debt. On the second Sunday of December members of the church gave an offering of $1,772, which, added to the $636.60 raised by the Willing Workers' Band, reached the goal.—Margaret Pitts.

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Small Church Reports Progress

DONALDSONVILLE, Ga.—We truly thank the Lord for our good pastor and his family. They really do work for the upbuilding of the Church of God. We thank the Lord for the way He has been blessing our church here at St. Mt. Zion. We have bought a new gas range for the parsonage and two gas heaters for the church since our pastor came here the last of July. The tithes for January were $123.50 which is the most that has ever been paid at this time of the year. Our pastor, Joe Cleghorn, really preaches under the power of God. We are planning a revival in the near future and desire your prayers that the Lord will stir up this community as never before.—Mrs. R. A. White.

Healing

Healed of Many Disorders

GREENSBURG, Pa.—I do love and appreciate the Lord more than words can express. The Lord has healed my body many times. I have been a member in the Church of God for at least twenty-eight years, and the Church has been a blessing to me. I think it is the best Church in the whole world. If I were to tell of all the healings we've had in the family it would take several pages, but I wish to express thanks to God for my recent healing in 1955. Being allergic to the drugs they gave me during a recent operation, cystitis developed, and I broke out and was in a poisoned and swelled condition. I had first one thing and then another. The doctor said I had "everything in the book." This upset my whole nervous system and I had a complete nervous collapse. Being at death's door, the saints of God in our local church of Mt. Pleasant fasted and prayed, and prayer was offered in almost every church in the state of Pennsylvania. When God miraculously healed me, the doctors were amazed. I know the exact day and time that the Lord reached down in my hospital room and touched my mind and body. I wish to express thanks to all the wonderful people who prayed for me and, especially, to the good Lord who has been so real to me.—Mrs. Edward Tipton.

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Cancer Removed by Power of God

JOHNSTON CITY, Ill.—"But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed," Isaiah 53:5. I praise and thank the Lord for wonderfully healing my body. I had a severe pain and soreness in my body and went to a doctor. He told me I had an incurable disease that might be cancer, or if it wasn't that it would turn into a cancer if I didn't have an operation. He wanted to operate right away but I said "no." My thoughts at once went to the Great Physician who could heal any manner of disease. After I reached home I suddenly became weak in faith so I called my pastor, Brother Forest Ash, and his wonderful wife and told them what the doctor had said. They are truly wonderful people and workers for God. They came immediately to my home, laid hands on me, and prayed the prayer of faith for my healing. To prove that I was healed, I went to a cancer specialist in St. Louis, Missouri, for an examination, and he said there was not a thing wrong with me. I was in perfect health. Let me say to anyone that stands in need of healing, my Lord is able. Again, I want to thank my wonderful Saviour.—Mrs. Nellie Campbell.

Healed of "Free Bleeding"

MOORESVILLE, N. C.—I thank and praise the Lord for what He has done for our home and my husband, Mr. L. I. Pruitt. My husband has hemophilia, which means that he is a *free bleeder*. In his lifetime he has never had a tooth pulled without having to have blood transfusions and staying in the hospital for 3 or 4 weeks, but my Saviour is all powerful. Six weeks ago my husband was saved; two weeks ago he had two teeth pulled. We prayed for him at church, and, praise the name of Jesus, he didn't bleed as much as a normal person does. Oh, isn't He a wonderful Saviour! The Lord had spared my husband's life twice before this—once in a car wreck and once from hemorrhage of the stomach. His veins had collapsed once and the doctor had given him up, but, praise God for His healing power, he is well today. Pray for our home to always be a Christian home. I love the Lord with all of my heart. He is my all.—Mrs. Mildred Pruitt.

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Skin Affliction Cured

LAND O'LAKES, Fla.—I praise the Lord for what He has done for me, recently. I had a place on the side of my nose that I believed was a skin cancer. It was growing larger and had gotten sore. I asked our pastor, Brother Prima, to pray for it and, thank the good Lord, He healed it. It started coming loose around the edges and kept on until it all came off.—Mrs. Leavy Johnson.

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Healed After a Year of Sickness

MENLO, Ga.—I am 17 years of age and have been a member of the Church of God since I was 10. When I was 16 years old I became very ill and stayed sick almost a year. Instead of getting better I grew worse, but when I went to the doctors they did not seem to know what illness I had. The doctors and specialist gave me up and said they had done all they could do for me. Even though I went to church as often as I could and prayed that the Lord would make me well again, I didn't seem to have enough faith to receive my healing. On January 3, 1956, I went to church to worship in the Sunday night service. I was not able to go, but I love the church and the good members who attend there. Brother Swift, our pastor, said that there was someone in the service who needed to be healed and did not feel that he had the faith. I knew it was I, but the Devil told me not to go up to be prayed for; so I obeyed him at first. I told the Lord that I would go if He would give me another chance. He did, and I was instantly healed. It is the greatest miracle that has ever happened to me, and I am still praising God. Young People, let's pray and be workers for the Lord because we are the teachers and leaders of tomorrow.—Bobbye Wilson.

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Instantly Healed After Reading Evangel

WINTER HAVEN, Fla.—I praise God for victory in Jesus—victory over sin and sickness. I was ill with an awful hurting and choking in my stomach and throat all night one night. When I got up to fix my husband's breakfast, I really was in pain: as soon as he left for work, I went back to bed. I placed my Bible on me after reading some healing testimonies in our Church of God *Evangel*. God instantly healed me. The great Church of God means everything to me. It has taught me all I ever knew about divine healing. I have had salvation almost 18 years and God has healed many times in my home. He healed my son of an enlarged heart when he was in his early teens. The Lord is so good to me. I love Him supremely and I love the Church of God. I want to be true to it and do more for God.—Evangelist Lois H. King.

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Skin Cancer Removed After Prayer

SHAFTER, Calif.—About seven years ago a little sore came on my face. I doctored it and it would seem to get better, then it would get sore again. It kept that up for about seven years; then all at once it began growing very rapidly. About four weeks ago, it became very sore. I got worried because there wasn't anything I put on it that helped it and I believed it was a cancer. My husband and son wanted me to go to the doctor and have it burned or cut out, but I didn't want to. I believed if I could be prayed for that Jesus would heal me. When I went to church on Sunday, our pastor, Brother R. D. Walters, told us if there was anyone there who needed healing to come up. So I went and told him I believed I had cancer. He put his hands on my head and face and prayed for me, and I believed that Jesus could remove the cancer and heal me. On Friday evening a large piece of the cancer fell out and Saturday morning another large piece came out. Two large holes were left in my face. Praise the Lord, He has healed my face and only a tiny scar is there where the cancer was. Oh, how I praise His holy name. I cannot thank Him enough for saving my soul and healing me. He's the same Healer today that He was when He was here on earth. Praise His holy name!—Mrs. Elizabeth Hutchinson.

Outstanding Healings Observed

ODENTON, Md.—I praise the Lord for being so good to me and healing me so many times. In 1953 I fell and broke my shoulder. I stayed in the hospital from July 23 until August 16. The doctors said I would not be able to use my arm for at least two years. One night when we were in church the pain was almost unbearable. The Spirit of the Lord moved on our good pastor, and he said, "Someone here is in terrible pain." I stood immediately and before I reached the altar I was completely healed. My husband was a Catholic, but now he is saved, sanctified, filled with the Holy Ghost, and a member of the great Church of God. Our pastor is a wonderful man of God. We surely love him and his family. We have seen cancer, polio, tuberculosis, broken bones, and many other things healed by the power of the miracle-working Christ. It is no secret what God can do; what He has done for others He will do for you.—Lillie E. Rushlow.

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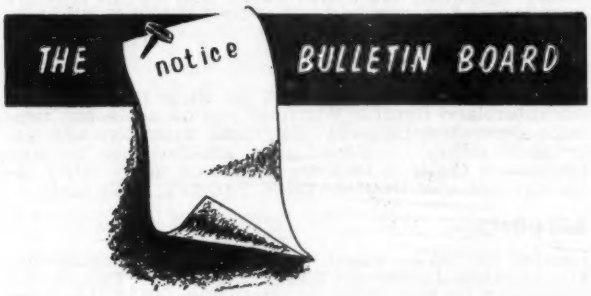
Cyst Removed By Miracle

FORT GEORGE G. MEADE, Md.—God has been so good and performed so many miracles in my life and in the lives of my family that I must take this time to let the world know. First let me state that I am a soldier's wife. I have traveled far and have visited many churches, but the Fort Meade Church of God has been the greatest blessing of all. Eighteen months ago when we moved here, my daughter had fallen and cut her tongue. The doctor said that due to this cut a cyst had formed and there would have to be an operation. I took her to church and our pastor, Brother James H. Lane, prayed for her. God performed a miracle; the cyst disappeared from her tongue. I praise God for it all. I also want to praise God for delivering me from fear. I was so afraid at nights that I lost much sleep. When my husband was in Korea, I locked my baby and myself in my bedroom at night. The scripture which says, "There is no fear in love, but perfect love casteth out fear," 1 John 4:18 ran through my mind constantly. When Brother Lane prayed for me it was as if a load had lifted from my life. God had removed the fear, and I have had no fear since. Praise His wonderful name! Jesus is my Saviour and Healer.—Mrs. James Frizzelle.



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David Suleiman is open for revivals. He may be contacted at P. O. Box 148, Atlanta, Georgia.

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Anyone knowing the whereabouts of Irene Bowles (her last known address was Montgomery, West Virginia), please notify W. L. Wriston, Hugeston, West Virginia.

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Anyone having friends or relatives in the Brazosport area (Freeport, Velasca, Clute, and Lake Jackson, Texas), please contact Rev. J. H. Mitchell, Box 1099, Clute, Texas, or phone 5-2040. The labor local states there will be plenty of construction work after March 15. We also need laborers in the church at Clute. A hearty welcome to all.

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To anyone having relatives or friends stationed or living in or near San Francisco, California: the address of the Church of God is 305 Raymond Avenue; the pastor is Rev. W. P. Wooten, 275 Turk Street. Phone PR 5-2605

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Attention, Church of God people: All indications are that the spring and summer of 1956 will be the best year for construction workers in the state of Maine. Also, there are many factories and mills which employ both men and women. Maine is noted as an ideal "summer vacation land" of the nation, for the climate is ideal and wages are good with a lot of overtime, if it is desired, with both union and open shop. Maine is wide open for the Church of God. The fields are white unto harvest. Come to Maine and help us. If interested write: Rev. W. T. Johnson, 6 Main Street, Augusta, Maine, or the state overseer, Rev. V. D. Combs, Box 957, Portland, Maine.

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in memoriam

HARRIS

Brother Henry Frank Harris was born in Columbia County Florida, August 5, 1883, and died at his home in Zellwood, Florida, September 17, 1955, at the age of 72 years. The largely attended funeral was conducted at his home church in Zellwood by the pastor, Brother E. L. Newton assisted by a retired, former pastor, J. L. Dorman, of Apopka, Florida.

The deceased was united in marriage to Miss Pearl Lee at O'Brien, Florida, October 23, 1904, and to this happy union were born six children. Brother Harris is survived by his wife, two daughters, Mrs. Odell Brooks and Mrs. J. M. Wiggins of Zellwood; two sons, the Reverend C. D. Harris, Pastor at Naples, Florida, and William J. Harris of Lakeland, Florida.

During the early life of Brother Harris he was a member of the Methodist church and a very active worker in the Sunday School. It was in 1918 that Brother Harris received the Holy Ghost and became a member of the Church of God at Branford, later moving to Zellwood with his family in the year of 1924.

His interest and devotion to his church was so great that when he failed to find a Church of God at his new home, he with L. B. Hammond, who later became a minister and is now an outstanding pastor and a member of the State Council of the state of Florida, set about to establish a Church of God. These two men secured the services of two Church of God ministers; Brother Mann and Brother Clarence Corley, for a revival which was conducted in the Zellwood school building. The organizing of a church in Zellwood was the results of this meeting, and Brother Harris had been a father to the church ever since. There are but two remaining charter members of the church, the wife of the deceased and a daughter, Mrs. Glessie Wiggins.

The community has lost a great citizen and the Church militant has lost one of its greatest comrades-in-arms, but all interests upon earth have surrendered to the will of the Great Commander, knowing that our loss here is Heaven's wonderful gain.—His pastor, who misses him greatly, E. LaVoy Newton.

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STOKES

On Monday morning, December 19, 1955, after a short illness, William Franklin Stokes of Rosiclare, Illinois, went to be with Jesus at the age of 56 years. He was loved by all who knew him and will be greatly missed. He was a faithful member of the Church of God at Midway. On Sunday, before his passing on Monday, he attended Sunday School and taught his class—the Adult class. In the morning worship he gave a wonderful testimony expressing his hope and faith in His Lord and Master. He also attended the evening service with joy in his soul. His funeral was conducted at the Church of God in Harrisburg, Illinois, where he was a member before coming to Rosiclare, by his pastor, Brother Curtis Austin, and Brother Willie Millikan. Interment was in the Sunset Cemetery. He is survived by his wife, Mittie Lee Stokes; his two sons, Jerome and Evel Stokes; and 3 grandchildren, all of Evansville, Indiana. Our loss is heaven's gain.—Geneva Cowsert, Clerk.

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COWART

On October 16, 1955, the death angel entered the home of George and Joye Cowart and took away Sister Joye. She was a member and faithful attendant of the Church of God in McLain, Mississippi. She was as the woman in the Bible who gave her last mite. I have known Sister Cowart to give her last mite for the cause of God. She would have been 50 years old on November 16, 1956. She leaves to mourn her death her husband, George Cowart; three sons, David Cowart of Mobile, Alabama, G. W. Cowart and Leo Cowart of McLain; three daughters, Mrs. Fredna Cubie of McLain, Mrs. Edna Griffin of Memphis, Tennessee, and Mrs. Eldred Sylvester of McLain.—Mrs. Elnora Cowart.

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LINDLEY

Brother Joseph B. Lindley, a faithful and devoted ordained minister and member of the Church of God in Arkansas, departed this life to receive his reward on December 30, 1955, at the age of 64. He leaves behind his wife, 6 sons, and 6 daughters. Brother Lindley had pastored churches in Mississippi and Arkansas and had many friends. Everyone who knew him loved him. His presence will be missed, but our loss is heaven's gain. The funeral service was conducted by Brother Roberts and Brother Ed Kinnedy. He was laid to rest at Bethany Church of God Cemetery.—Mrs. Hubert Petrie, his daughter.

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NEUBAKER

The Yazoo City, Mississippi, Church of God misses the smiles of Nora Mae Neubaker who departed from our midst on February 26, 1956, to go on to be with the One in whom she had her trust. Sister Nora Mae had lived a wonderful life, having received the Baptism of the Holy Ghost a number of years ago. She was laid to rest in Oak Grove Cemetery with her pastor, Brother H. P. Ford, officiating. After suffering for sixteen months, we feel sure that she is enjoying rest.—Mrs. H. P. Ford.

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WHETSTONE

Effie C. Whetstone, a faithful member of the Church of God in Manns Choice, Pennsylvania, departed this life to be with Jesus on December 27, 1955, at the age of 63. She had had poor health for several years but was regular at all services at her church with a testimony that she praised God for strength to be there just one more time. She leaves to mourn her departure her husband, 6 sons, 1 daughter, and 23 grandchildren. Her funeral was conducted in the Church of God by Brother and Sister A. L. Smith, who have been her ministers for 25 years. She is missed by a host of friends and her church, but our loss is heaven's gain. She is not dead, she is just away; and we are looking forward to meeting her on the hills of glory some sweet day.—Mrs. Norman Rose, her Sunday School pupil.

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COLVIN

Our son, Theodore N. Colvin, departed this life December 27, 1955, at the age of 39. He bore his sickness, which lasted many, many months, with patience and always had a sweet smile. Many prayers were sent up for him. When he would say he was ready to go, the sweetest smile would come over his face. He was loved by all who knew him. He was kind and was always trying to help someone. He leaves to mourn his departure his wife, one daughter, his mother and father, four sisters,three brothers, and other relatives and friends. Funeral services were held at the W. G. Hardy Funeral Home on Dixie Highway near Louisville, Kentucky and were conducted by Brother Charles W. Lockard and Brother Frank Griffen. We want to thank all for their kindness and their good deeds.—Mrs. Matt Colvin, his mother.

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ALEXANDER

Mrs. Susie Alexander of Eldorado, Illinois, was born on February 3, 1881, and departed this life on October 13, 1955, at the age of 74. She was married to John T. Alexander, who preceded her in death eleven years ago. Nine children were born to this union. Sister Alexander was a devoted wife and mother, a sweet mother with the precious Holy Ghost. She had been a Church of God member for 30 years. —Pearl Holleman, her daughter.

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